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SUMMARY: MOSCOW'S POLICY OF SEEKING TO NEUTRALIZE THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BY PORTRAYING THE WEST -- AN SPECIFICALLY  
THE U.S. -- AS PRINCIPAL VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CON-  
TINUES TO GENERATE AN UNDIMINISHED FLOW OF NASTY ARTICLES  
IN THE SOVIET MEDIA. THE LATEST SUCH EFFORT APPEARS IN  
JULY 5 PRAVDA, NEXT TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S  
FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE LATEST ALLEGATION OF THE YAWNING GAP BETWEEN  
THEORY AND REALITY IN THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMAN  
RIGHTS APPEARS IN JULY 5 PRAVDA BY THE PROMINENT SOVIET  
COMMENTATOR VITALIY KORIONOV, KORIONOV SUPPORTS  
ALL THE STANDARD SOVIET ARGUMENTS WITH FREQUENT  
REFERENCES TO U.S. STATISTICS, INTERSPERSED  
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ALLEGES IN PARTICULAR A DOUBLE STANDARD OF JUSTICE  
IN THE U.S. AND A WHOLESALE INTRUSION OF OFFICIAL  
SURVEILLANCE INTO THE LIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.  
SAMPLE FACTS AND ARGUMENTS:

-- FBI EMPLOYS 164,000 AGENTS TO SPY ON AMERICAN  
CITIZENS AND MAINTAINS FILES ON 183 MILLION OF THEM;

-- ADDITIONAL FILES ARE MAINTAINED BY INS (50 MILLION) AND CSC (11 MILLION);

-- AS OF JAN. 1, 1976, U.S. STATE AND FEDERAL PRISON POPULATION NUMBERED 250,000 OF WHOM "MANY THOUSANDS ARE FIGHTERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS";

-- FAILURE TO PASS EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PERPETUATES THE INEQUALITY OF WOMEN, WHICH IS "LEGALIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION" AND AFFECTS "HALF THE POPULATION";

-- 70 MILLION AMERICAN CITIZENS FAILED TO VOTE IN THE LAST ELECTION BECAUSE OF APATHY, HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SYSTEM, OR INABILITY TO EXERCISE THEIR FRANCHISE;

-- RACISM IS RAMPANT: "...IF IN THE EARLY PERIOD OF AMERICAN HISTORY, RACISM WAS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST INDIANS AND NEGROES, NOW ITS VICTIMS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES INCLUDE ALL NATIONAL MINORITIES."

2. COMMENT: THE APPEARANCE OF THE KORIONOV ARTICLE ALONGSIDE A BRIEF REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION IN MOSCOW IS OF COURSE HARDLY COINCIDENTAL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARTICLES OF THIS TYPE HAVE BECOME VIRTUALLY STANDARD FARE FOR READERS OF THE SOVIET MASS MEDIA; THEY ALSO APPEAR WITH SOME FREQUENCY IN THE SPECIALIZED PRESS AND JOURNALS. SOME ARTICLES, INCLUDING THE PRESENT ONE BY KORIONOV, INCLINE TOWARD SHRILLNESS, WHILE OTHERS ADOPT A MORE "SCHOLARLY" APPROACH COMPLETE WITH CITATIONS FROM RESPECTED WESTERN AND U.S. SCHOLARS AND SOURCES. EQUAL -- IF NOT HEAVIER -- EMPHASIS IS OF COURSE DEVOTED TO A PARALLEL EFFORT IN PRAISE OF THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW DRAFT SOVIET CONSTITUTION. TOON

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